

22 September 1968

MEMO  
TO : [Redacted]  
FROM : [Redacted]  
SUBJECT: [Redacted]

Executive Summary (Continued) 100-10069-10203

1. One of our sources recently sent me Sir Gavin Hastings, Deputy Secretary to the Earl of Sandwich, the source advised that the President's office of reputation and public relations since the arrival in the US. The President's office also indicated that the source in London, Pined, Hastings has repeatedly visited the White House since the arrival of 1960, which has never been so visited for many, according to our source's understanding, and of which Hastings was the principal contact. The source indicated in a covering letter that he had been facilitating Hastings's activities without fee for a period of two months.
2. The source in question has been engaged in the public relations business, and was active for some time concerning the Hastings business and publicity campaign, and asked particularly how it was that he had worked for Hastings for so long without fee.
3. The source advised that early in 1960 an unidentified individual set up a special account in The Empire Trust Company, New York City. The purpose of this fund was to finance the above-mentioned Hastings business and publicity campaign. The source was then approached by a man named G. L. Rice. Rice is an oil and natural gas driller and prospector and has an office at the following address: 121 West Street, New York, New York (Area 10-1000). Rice's role throughout has been to administer the special account mentioned above. The account, in its entirety, was set up in New York, and was kindly forwarded all bills to Rice at 121 West Street, New York, New York. When this bill was received, it was forwarded to the account of Hastings.

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4. During the Spring of 1959, the Cuban-born and Cuban-American set up an organization called "Pueblo Libre de Cuba, Inc." The purpose of this organization is to raise money to finance a revolution against Castro. The following individuals are identified as being involved with "Pueblo Libre":

a. Douglas R. Hall.--Hall is a lawyer and a partner in the law firm of Levy, Gotsis, Goldberg, and Hall. This firm has its principal office at 45 South Station Place, Great Neck (Long Island), New York (Tel: 207-6400), and a branch office in Manhattan (300 Seventh Avenue (Tel: CH 4-6670)).

b. Mrs. Kate Taffo.--Our source did not further identify Mrs. Taffo. She is, according to another source, a lady who has been involved in running arms to Cuba and other such activities. The other source volunteered this information during the course of a conversation regarding other matters.

5. At about the time that "Pueblo Libre" made its appearance there also appeared on the scene an individual named Dan Wax, who represents himself as a "retired New England shoe manufacturer now living in Florida". Wax interested himself vociferously in "Pueblo Libre" and at the same time alienated Hall, Taffo and our source. In consequence, the "Pueblo Libre" people have never done anything with that corporation, but have let it remain inactive. Their reason for so doing is that they don't trust Wax and do not wish to get involved with him. In answer to the inquiry as to the reason for their mistrust of Wax, the source stated simply that they have no specific reason, but that they just don't wish to work with him. They don't trust him. Consequently, "Pueblo Libre" has remained a paper organization; no money has been raised through it.

6. Our source stated that Hall and Mrs. Taffo both grow suspicious of Wax's motives and intentions. They don't trust him. They don't wish to get involved with him. They don't want to be associated with "Pueblo Libre". They want the new corporation to be dedicated to the halting of the spread of Communism throughout the Western Hemisphere and they want it to have various subcommittees. The

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information would be considered a success. Then, and surprisingly, there would be a second step. Our source and his two colleagues said that a campaign directed solely at Cuba is too narrow and that a wider appeal will attract more support. Undoubtedly, the wider appeal, of course, the great purpose of the new distribution is to overthrow Castro. Question is the method of the Western Hemisphere is at the moment of extreme anxiety for what is their eyes. This method is the new method for the decision to target about "People's Lives", which is directed only towards Cuba.

7. Our source and his friends have everything ready to go, but need money. The source wished to make a start by getting Sanchez, Varona, and Mezger to sign a political alliance and to publicize the said alliance by means of a press conference and subsequent publicity devices. The money, of course, would be used to finance the revolution against Castro.

8. Our source also stated that an individual whom he identified as Charles D. Reeves is putting up the money to make a political movie starring Noel Chidua, Nina Lora, and others. The source told that Reeves is affiliated with the American Broadcasting Company.

9. Finally, our source told him that from the outset of the entire affair he has discussed it in detail with Mr. Frank (?) O'Brien, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York City. Mr. O'Brien may be reached at LE 5-7700, Extension 202.

10. We would appreciate ME Division comments regarding any interest in the above proposal. We would like to have some reasonable answer to pass back to our source as to the Agency's position on this suggestion. Please contact Mr. Robert S. Travis, CE/CO, Support Branch, Extension 2540, for further information on this matter.

11. Thanks very much.

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E. M. ABERCRAFT

cc: Index

SOURCE: [JOHN D. CRIFTER] (per request to H. H. by Index)

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**DATE:**

One of Anzoroff's cleared sources recently sent him a brochure written by Dr. Carlos Marjorie Sterling, who was not to be further identified here. The source, Colonel Wills, the brochure a series of reprints from US newspapers dealing with Marjorie's activities and public pronouncements since his arrival in the US. The brochure in question demonstrated the ways in which Fidel Castro has distorted and falsified the Cuban Constitution of 1940, which has never been repealed. (According to Anzoroff's understanding) and of which Marjorie was the sole author. The source stated in a covering letter that he had been contacted about his activities without fee for a period of ten months and that Marjorie had wanted to know if he had signed the brochure and if he had, to contact him. Anzoroff refused to sign the brochure and did not contact Marjorie.

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3. The source told Mitchell that early in 1960 an unidentified individual set up a special account in the Marine Trust Company, New York City. The purpose of this fund was to finance the efforts concerned with the defense and publicity campaign. Mitchell's source was then approached by a man named C. L. Rice. Rice is an oil and natural gas driller and geologist and has an office at the following address: 20 Broad Street, New York, Maryland (Tel.: DA-4-1418). Rice's role throughout has been to administer the special account mentioned above. The account, incidentally, amounted to US\$5,000. Mitchell's source simply forwarded all bills to Rice, who paid them out of the special fund. When the money ran out, the source's activities on behalf of Marquez came to a halt.

4. During the Spring of 1960, the source and some friends set up an organization called "Puebla Libre de Cuba, Inc.". The purpose of this organization is to raise money to finance a revolution against Castro. The following individuals are identified as being involved with "Puebla Libre".

a. Douglas P. Null. Null is a lawyer and a partner in the law firm of Levy, Gutman, Goldberg, and Null. This firm has its principal office at 45 North Station Plaza, Great Neck (Long Island), New York (Tel.: HU-7-6010) and a branch office in Manhattan (363 Seventh Avenue (Tel.: CH-4-6670)).

b. Mrs. Kate Taffe. Mitchell's source did not further identify Mrs. Taffe. She is, according to another source of Mitchell's, a lady who has been involved in running arms to Cuba and other such activities. The other source volunteered this information during the course of a conversation regarding other matters.

5. At about the time that "Puebla Libre" made its appearance there also appeared on the scene an individual named Dan Wax, who represents himself as a "retired New England shoe manufacturer now living in Florida". Wax interested himself vociferously in "Puebla Libre" and at the same time alienated Null, Taffe, and Mitchell's source. In consequence, the "Puebla Libre" people have never done anything with that corporation, but have let it remain inactive. Their reason for so doing is that they don't trust Wax and do not wish to get involved with him. ~~Wax has stated~~ the reason for their mistrust of Wax, the source stated simply that they have no specific reason, but that they just don't wish to work with him. They don't trust him. Consequently, "Puebla Libre" has remained a paper organization; no money has been raised through it.

6. Mitchell's source stated that Null and Mrs. Taffe both know Aureliano Sanchez Arango and Antonio Varona. They and Mitchell's source want to set up a new corporation, forgetting about "Puebla Libre" and Wax, with a wider ostensible aim than that of "Puebla Libre". They want the new corporation to be dedicated to the halting of the spread of Communism throughout the Western Hemisphere and they want it to have various subcommittees. The subcommittees would be geographical in nature. Thus, not surprisingly, there would be a subcommittee for Cuba.

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12. Mitchell told his source the he would submit the information and the proposition for funds and let him know the reaction. Please inquire of WH Division, 125A, (a) whether or not they are interested in financing the proposed occupation, or (b) whether or not the mysterious \$50,000 came from them in the first place or they, consequently, the whole thing is their property. If alternative (b) is the case, Mitchell's source is clearly unwitting. Please advise Mitchell whether or not to tell his source that CIA is not interested in his proposition or that he should tell him in the first place without letting him in on the secret, or what. The source should not be involved in this whole thing and wishes to discuss it with his attorney. Please so advise John H. Mitchell, of the New Haven Resident Office, and let him know to make the arrangements, subject we respect for his usual discretion. Thank you very much.

J. J. Gamm  
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